

Minutes
Texas Association of Future Educators Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2022 - Austin Marriott Downtown, Austin, TX

President Lizette Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

The invocation was given by Vice-President Avery O'Brien.

United States, Texas, and the TAFE Pledges were led by Historian Adriana Gonzalez.

Roll Call was taken by Mikayla Jackson and revealed that TEA Liaison Erica Bates and Dr. Lee Vi Moses were not in attendance. All other board members were present. Ms. Sandra Lopez from Allman and Associates was present.

TAFE State President Lizette Rodriguez stated corrections to the agenda including no TEA update would be given and to add action items G and H regarding dress code changes and items and region money under section 4.

Minutes from the March 3, 2022 Board of Directors meeting were provided in the agenda folders. Motion by Mikayla Jackson to accept the minutes as presented was seconded by Avery O'Brien. The motion was passed.

Ms. Sandra Lopez from Allman and Associates, Inc., Certified Public Accountants, presented her 2021-2022 TAFE Audit Report. Ms. Lopez provided a page by page review of the audit and in their professional opinion, found the TAFE financial statements accurate.

TAFE Program Director Monica Oliver presented the Annual Report. TAFE membership in 2021-2022 was 365 chapters with affiliation fees of \$80.00 per chapter which will remain the same for the upcoming year. Ms. Oliver stated TAFE Publications are being updated as needed and a newsletter was recently published. The TAFE website is being updated and a collegiate section will be added. The TAFE App will continue to be utilized for the Teach Tomorrow Summit and Simply Vote will be used to vote for officer elections and the TAFE theme with a cost of \$200.00. Google forms will be used for board elections. Ms. Oliver stated awards were given to: all competitors for participation in competitions; platinum, gold, silver, and bronze certificates for those placing with national qualifiers receiving medals; plaques were given to highest scorer for ELF Test, Teacher Leader of the Year, Student of the Year, outgoing officers, and officer schools; \$100 scholarships for competitions were given for Judge's Choice while Public Speaking first and second places received \$1,200 and \$800 respectively and Student of the Year received \$1,000; and honor cords and stoles were available for purchase by teacher leaders. TAFE promotional items will remain the same with the new backpack being available for purchase as well.

Ms. Oliver discussed the past year's leadership training opportunities. The TAFE Teacher Leadership Workshop in July 2021 had 125 in attendance. Capital Leadership was canceled due

to Covid. Teach Tomorrow Summit had 2132 students and teacher leaders in March 2022 at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas. The State and Area Officer Training Workshop in April 2022 had 144 in attendance at Highland Lakes Camp in Spicewood. Last year's Educators Rising Conference was virtual with 509 in attendance. This year's Educators Rising Conference will be in Washington, D.C. with 587 in attendance. The FCSTAT Conference was held in July.

Ms. Oliver stated all students must be affiliated with Educators Rising. Texas has 2116 middle and high school members and 51 collegiate members. Texas will receive 22 voting delegates which is the most in the nation.

Ms. Oliver presented the 2022-2023 TAFE Proposed Budget. Total income is \$407,141.00 and total expenses are \$402,733.00 for a balance of \$4,408.00 in revenue over expenses.

Brazos Valley Teach Proposal was presented by Ms. Oliver. She identified more clarification was needed regarding what they wanted in a joint professional development conference and they must be a paid TAFE member. Ms. Oliver asked the proposal be tabled until March 1, 2023.

Ms. Oliver stated TAFE is looking for another area coordinator for areas 3 and 7 to help alleviate the workload.

Dates and locations for 2022 – 2023 Area conferences were presented by Ms. Oliver for those that have been set and all conferences must be completed by December 10th.

Ms. Oliver stated the 2023 Teach Tomorrow Summit will be at the Kalahari Resort in Round Rock, Texas, March 2 – 4, 2023 and the theme is Teach for the Stars. The next TAFE Board of Directors Meeting will be March 1, 2023. The 2024 Summit will be held at the Kalahari Resort in Round Rock. In 2025, the location which could possibly include San Antonio, Galveston, or Corpus Christi is to be determined. We will return to the Hilton Anatole in Dallas for 2026. In the following years, we will create a rotating schedule for the Teach Tomorrow Summit among four cities. Ms. Oliver is proposing early bird registration will be increased from \$70 to \$80 per person and late registration will be increased from \$90 to \$100.

Ms. Oliver presented the competitive event changes including notable rubric changes taking place.

Ms. Oliver provided information on TAFE and Educators Rising updates.

Proposed themes for the 2024 Teach Tomorrow Summit were presented by the state officers.

Action Items:

Proposed 2020-2021 TAFE Audit: Motion was made by Avery O'Brien to accept the audit as presented and seconded by Mikayla Jackson. Motion passed.

Proposed 2022-2023 TAFE Budget: Motion was made by Monica Wysong to accept the proposed 2022-2023 TAFE Budget and seconded by Emily Steele. Motion passed.

Brazos Valley Teach Proposal: Ms. Oliver previously proposed we table the Brazos Valley Teach proposal. Avery O'Brien seconded the motion to table the proposal until further information is given. Motion passed.

Proposed Price Increase for Teach Tomorrow Summit: Motion was made by Avery O'Brien to accept the price increase for the Teach Tomorrow Summit and seconded by Mikayla Jackson. Motion passed.

Proposed Competitive Events Changes: Motion was made by Mikayla Jackson to eliminate the area rubric for chapter yearbook and portfolio to just one rubric. The motion was seconded by Adriana Gonzalez. Motion passed.

Proposed Themes for 2024 Teach Tomorrow Summit: Motion was made by Mikayla Jackson to accept the themes, "Growing into a Teacher", "Say Aloha to Teaching", "No Time for Siesta, Teaching is a Fiesta". A second motion was made by Adriana Gonzalez. Motion passed.

Proposed Dress Code: Motion was made by Avery O'Brien to accept the proposed dress code. The motion was seconded by Mikayla Jackson. Motion passed.

Proposed Region Monies: Motion was made by Mikayla Jackson for areas to spend any money sent back to the state office this upcoming school and can solicit for donations to be used the current school year, but cannot fundraise. The motion was seconded by Avery O'Brien. Motion passed.

Executive Director Archie E. McAfee presented the Conflict of Interest Policy and Disclosure Form.

TAFE Vice-President Avery O'Brien announced the upcoming 2022-2023 TAFE and Educators Rising meeting/conference dates and locations.

Mikayla Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Avery O'Brien. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned by President Lizette Rodriguez at 10:34 a.m.

Accepted: _____
Archie E. McAfee, Executive Director